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SUBJ: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: JAPAN

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1. DEPUTY PERMREP OGISO TOLD AMB BENNETT LATE SEPT 14 HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO EFFECT GOJ MOST RELUCTANT TO SERVE AGAIN ON CREDENTIALS COMITE. HE ASKED IF USUN COULD APPROACH "ASIANS WITH VIEWS SIMILAR TO JAPAN" AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PHILIPPINES AND THAILAND. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION, HE HAD SPOKEN OF IRAN AS POSSIBILITY BUT DID NOT INCLUDE IT IN LATE SEPT 14 APPROACH. AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION, OGISO SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION THERE WAS STILL POSSIBILITY GOJ MIGHT BE WILLING SERVE IF ANOTHER RELIABLE ASIAN STATE COULD NOT BE FOUND.

2. USUN SEES NO ALTERNATIVE TO JAPAN, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF IRAN, IF WE ARE TO HAVE RELIABLE ASIAN MEMBER ON CREDENTIALS COMITE. NEITHER THAILAND NOR PHILIPPINES WOULD BE DESIRABLE BECAUSE PHILIPPINES VOTED NO ON SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS LAST YEAR AND THAILAND ABSTAINED.

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3. FOR THAT MATTER, IRAN'S POSITION NOT TOO CLEAR THIS

YEAR AND SUBJECT TO MULTIPLE PRESSURES. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE BEEN RATHER OVERLOADING CIRCUIT WITH IRAN RECENTLY WITH SERIES OF REQUESTS AND BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR US TO GO TO HIM ON CREDENTIALS MATTER AT THIS JUNCTURE.

4. ABOVE POINTS TRANSMITTED AS SUPPLEMENT TO DEPT REFTTEL. USUN WOULD HOPE EMBASSY TOKYO, IN ITS CONVERSATION WITH GOJ SCHEDULED SEPT 17, COULD MAKE ABOVE INFO KNOWN AND URGE JAPAN SERVE. WE BELIEVE JAPAN SHARES EQUAL INTEREST WITH US IN FAVORABLE OUTCOME CREDENTIALS COMITE QUESTIONS. IF, HOWEVER, JAPAN WISHES MAKE FINAL EFFORT WITH IRAN, SHE SHOULD DO SO ON BASIS OF INSURING IRAN WOULD VOTE RIGHT.

5. BENNETT WILL SEEK DISCUSS ABOVE WITH OGISO BUT THUS FAR UNSUCCESSFUL IN FINDING HIM ON WEEKEND. TOKYO CONVERSATION WILL PROBABLY BE HELD BEFORE WE REACH OGISO.
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